Public Health and the Health Professional
Fall 2014

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Course Description

Weekly 45-minute sessions for 8 weeks over the fall semester.

This course will provide students with a basic understanding of some of the important public health issues faced by modern health professionals. There are no prerequisites or restrictions for student enrollment, however the class will be limited to 45 students.

Introduction to Public Health and the Health Professional is a survey course where each hour covers a core discipline within the field of public health. The objective of this course is to introduce health professionals without a public health background to the core disciplines of public health. The course also aims to help students, regardless of their background and education in public health, network with prominent public health members in the UTHSCSA and San Antonio communities. Lectures will be taught by practicing public health professionals, including UTHSCSA faculty and facilitated by students with degrees in public health. The course will total 8 hours of class time over the course of the semester.

To receive full credit for this course, students must meet the following requirements:
   (1) Attendance at six out of the eight lectures;
   (2) Participation in discussions and Q&A

At the end of the course, students will have a basic understanding of the following public health topics*:

Community Health
Health Management and Policy
Issues in International Health
Epidemiological Methods
Diet and Nutrition
Preventative Medicine
Biomedical Ethics

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Course Schedule

All classes are Monday from 12-12:50pm.

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| August 4       | Social Determinants of Health – What really affects health outcomes | Robert L. Ferrer, M.D., M.P.H.  
Professor, Family & Community Medicine, UTHSCSA  
Director of Community Engagement, CTSA |
| August 11      | TBA                          |                 |
| August 18      | TBA                          |                 |
| September 22   | TBA                          |                 |
| September 29   | TBA                          |                 |
| October 6      | TBA                          |                 |
| October 13     | TBA                          |                 |
| October 27     | TBA                          |                 |

Additional Educational Resources

Podcasts

These podcasts are a great way to stay up to date on current issues in public health. Many of the ones below and more are available for subscription via iTunes.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/


Environmental Protection Agency, podcast on risk management and human health, available at; http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/rhighlights.html

Public Health Lectures from the University of Washington School of Public Health, available at http://sph.washington.edu/podcasts/


Articles


Reference code: DRR10532

Websites & Videos

What is Public Health?
* http://www.whatispublichealth.org/
* http://www.thisispublichealth.org/

Social Determinants of Health
* http://www.pbs.org/unnaturalcauses/index.htm
(series that will be rebroadcast on PBS on October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009)
* http://www.unnaturalcauses.org/video_clips.php (clips of the PBS special)

*These topics were chosen from the curriculums at Dartmouth, UTHSCSA Public Health program, Harvard School of Public Health, and the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins to ensure they are the most relevant topics.